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CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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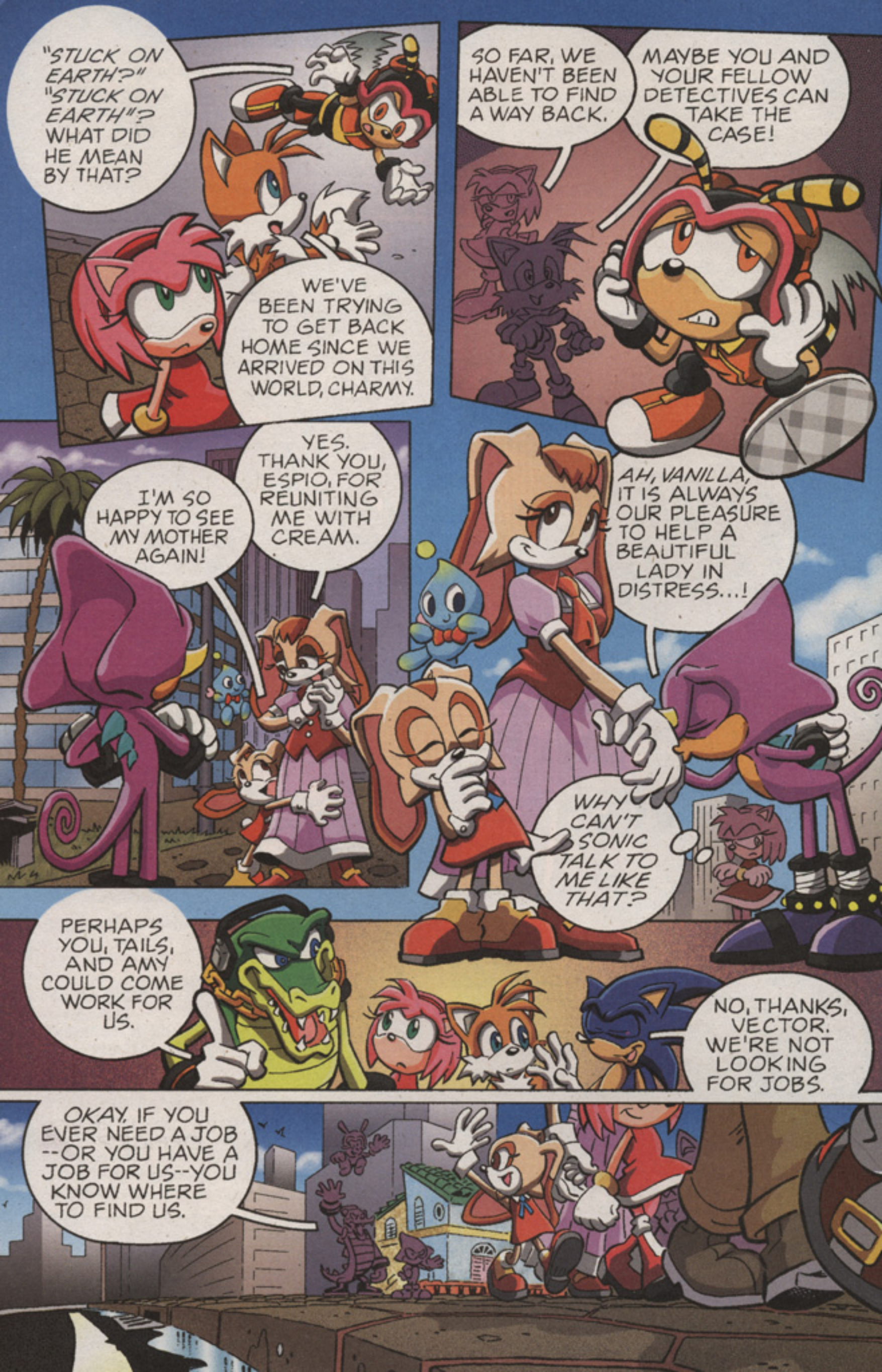
"STUCK ON EARTH?" "STUCK ON EARTH"? WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?
WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET BACK HOME SINCE WE ARRIVED ON THIS WORLD, CHARMY.
SO FAR, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A WAY BACK.
MAYBE YOU AND YOUR FELLOW DETECTIVES CAN TAKE THE CASE!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE MY MOTHER AGAIN!
YES. THANK YOU, ESPIO, FOR REUNITING ME WITH CREAM.
AH, VANILLA, IT IS ALWAYS OUR PLEASURE TO HELP A BEAUTIFUL LADY IN DISTRESS...!
WHY CAN'T SONIC TALK TO ME LIKE THAT?
PERHAPS YOU, TAILS, AND AMY COULD COME WORK FOR US.
NO, THANKS, VECTOR. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR JOBS.
OKAY. IF YOU EVER NEED A JOB --OR YOU HAVE A JOB FOR US--YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO GET YOU HOME?

IF TAILS AND YOUR GRANDFATHER CHUCK HAVEN'T HAD ANY LUCK, I DOUBT THEY WILL, CHRIS.

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RRRUUMMBBLLL

A WEEK LATER, AT THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS HQ IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AGENT TOPAZ IS DE-BRIEFED ABOUT PROJECT SHADOW BY CAPTAIN WESTWOOD.

EGGMAN NEVER WOULD HAVE STOLEN THE NELSON INDUSTRIES SPACE SHUTTLE AND USED IT TO GET TO SPACE COLONY ARK IF YOU AND ROUGE THE BAT HADN'T LET HIM GET AWAY FROM THE PARIS WORLD'S FAIR, AGENT TOPAZ.*

TAXI

*SEE LAST ISSUE.

IF YOU WILL RECALL, SIR, YOU ORDERED ROUGE AND ME TO RETURN FROM PARIS BEFORE DOCTOR EGGMAN STOLE THE SHUTTLE. IF WE HAD FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS, ROUGE AND I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRESENT TO SAVE THE DOZENS OF LIVES THAT WE DID.

I AM AWARE OF WHAT YOU DID, TOPAZ. THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE CALLED OUR PRESIDENT PERSONALLY TO COMMEND YOU. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU AND ROUGE WEREN'T COURT-MARTIALED FOR DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER.

I DON'T LIKE YOU, TOPAZ.

I DON'T LIKE...

...THAT YOUR PARTNER ISN'T HUMAN. ROUGE COMES FROM THE SAME WORLD AS EGGMAN. AND IS AN ADMITTED THIEF. HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE ISN'T WORKING WITH EGGMAN TO CONQUER EARTH?

I'LL BE WATCHING THE TWO OF YOU. MAKE ANY MORE MISTAKES... DIS-OBEY ANY MORE ORDERS... AND YOU'LL BOTH BE DRUMMED OUT OF THE GUARDIANS AND PUT IN PRISON, IF I HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

DISMISSED.

YES, SIR.

AGENT TOPAZ RETURNS TO HER OFFICE TO WARN HER PARTNER ABOUT CAPTAIN WESTWOOD'S THREAT, ONLY TO FIND ROUGE MISSING.

ROUGE? ROUGE, WHERE ARE YOU?!

BOO YA!
MEANWHILE, AT STATION SQUARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
CHRIS, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD? WE WON THE GAME!
SONIC NEVER SHOWED UP, FRANCES. HE DIDN'T SEE ME SCORE THE FIRST GOAL.
SONIC IS A VERY BUSY HEDGEHOG. HE WAS PROBABLY SAVING THE WORLD OR SOMETHING.
I GUESS...
IT'S JUST THAT MY FOLKS ARE ALWAYS TOO BUSY TO COME TO MY GAMES, SO I WAS REALLY COUNTING ON SONIC TO BE HERE.
CHRIS IS DRIVEN HOME BY MR. TANAKA...THE THORNDYKE FAMILY BUTLER.
SONIC! TAILS! AMY! CREAM! VANILLA! WE WON!
GRANDPA CHUCK, WHERE ARE SONIC AND THE OTHERS?
I DON'T KNOW, CHRIS. I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM ALL DAY.
WHERE COULD THEY HAVE ALL GONE?
DO YOU THINK THEY FINALLY WENT HOME LIKE VECTOR, ESPIO, AND CHARMY?

?! WHERE AM I AND HOW DID I GET HERE?

THIS PLACE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR.

WHAT'S THAT?

A RING!

MAYBE THIS IS THE WORLD WHERE THE RINGS COME FROM.

I'D BETTER GRAB THESE JUST IN CASE.

THAT'S ODD... I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT...! USUALLY THE RINGS GIVE ME A POWER BOOST!

HEY!

BAM!

HOLD UP THERE, PAL! I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, BUDDY, BUT YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE!
POOF!
THIS HAS GOT TO BE ANOTHER ONE OF EGGMAN'S SCRAMBLED SCHEMES!
SPEAKING OF DR. EGGMAN, LET US NOW CHECK IN WITH SONIC'S MOST DANGEROUS (OKAY, HIS ONLY) ARCH NEMESIS...
DOCTOR EGGMAN, IS IT A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO BE OUT IN THE OPEN IN THE EGG-CARRIER?

THAT IS WHY WE ARE HIDING AT THE SOUTH POLE, BOKKUN. THESE FOOLISH HUMANS WILL NEVER THINK TO LOOK FOR US HERE.

BUT AREN'T YOU A HUMAN, DOCTOR EGGMAN?

I MAY BE HUMAN,* DECOE... BUT I AM NOT FOOLISH!

EEP! WHATEVER YOU SAY, SIR!

IF HE'S NOT FOOLISH, WHY DOES HE KEEP COMING UP WITH WORLD-CONQUERING SCHEMES THAT NEVER WORK?

I'VE BEEN STUDYING MY GRANDFATHER GERALD ROBOTNIK'S JOURNALS. WHAT I AM LEARNING IS FASCINATING.

DO YOU SENSE IMMINENT EXPOSITORY RUMINATIONS FORTHCOMING, DECOE?

HAVE YOU BEEN READING THE DICTIONARY AGAIN, BOCOE?

*DOCTOR EGGMAN LEARNED THAT HE IS HUMAN WHEN HE ACQUIRED DR. ROBOTNIK'S JOURNALS DURING THE SHADOW SAGA AS SEEN ON THE SONIC X TV SHOW.

MY GRANDFATHER WAS AN ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT INVENTOR. APPARENTLY I INHERITED MY BRILLIANCE FROM HIM.

AND HIS PENCHANT FOR FAILURE.

HOWEVER I HAVE NOT YET LEARNED HOW OR WHY MY GRANDFATHER SENT ME AWAY FROM EARTH...

DO YOU THINK IT WAS BECAUSE GRANDFATHER ROBOTNIK GOT TIRED OF LISTENING TO HIS LONG-WINDED GRANDSON?

...BUT WHAT I HAVE READ SO FAR HAS REVEALED INCREDIBLE SECRETS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS EMERL WAS CREATED BY MY GRANDFATHER.

I'M ALREADY WORKING ON ADAPTING MY GRANDFATHER'S DESIGN... FOR MY OWN NEFARIOUS PURPOSES.

?!?DOES THE BOSS EVER HAVE A PURPOSE THAT ISN'T NEFARIOUS?

THAT'S IT! I'M GETTING MY OWN DICTIONARY!

AND IT WAS MY GRANDFATHER'S DETAILED NOTES THAT INSPIRED MY ULTIMATE MASTER PLAN TO DESTROY SONIC AND HIS ACCURSED FRIENDS!

ONCE THEY ARE OUT OF MY WAY, NOTHING CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF EGGMAN CORPORATION AND MY PLANS FOR THE MOON! *HA HA HA HA!*

MEANWHILE, DR. EGGMAN'S ULTIMATE--ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY "NEFARIOUS"--MASTER PLAN PLAYS OUT...

THIS REMINDS ME OF THE DEATH TRAPS EGGMAN USED TO BUILD ON OUR HOMEWORLD...

...BUT THE BADNIKS ARE A LOT CRUDER.

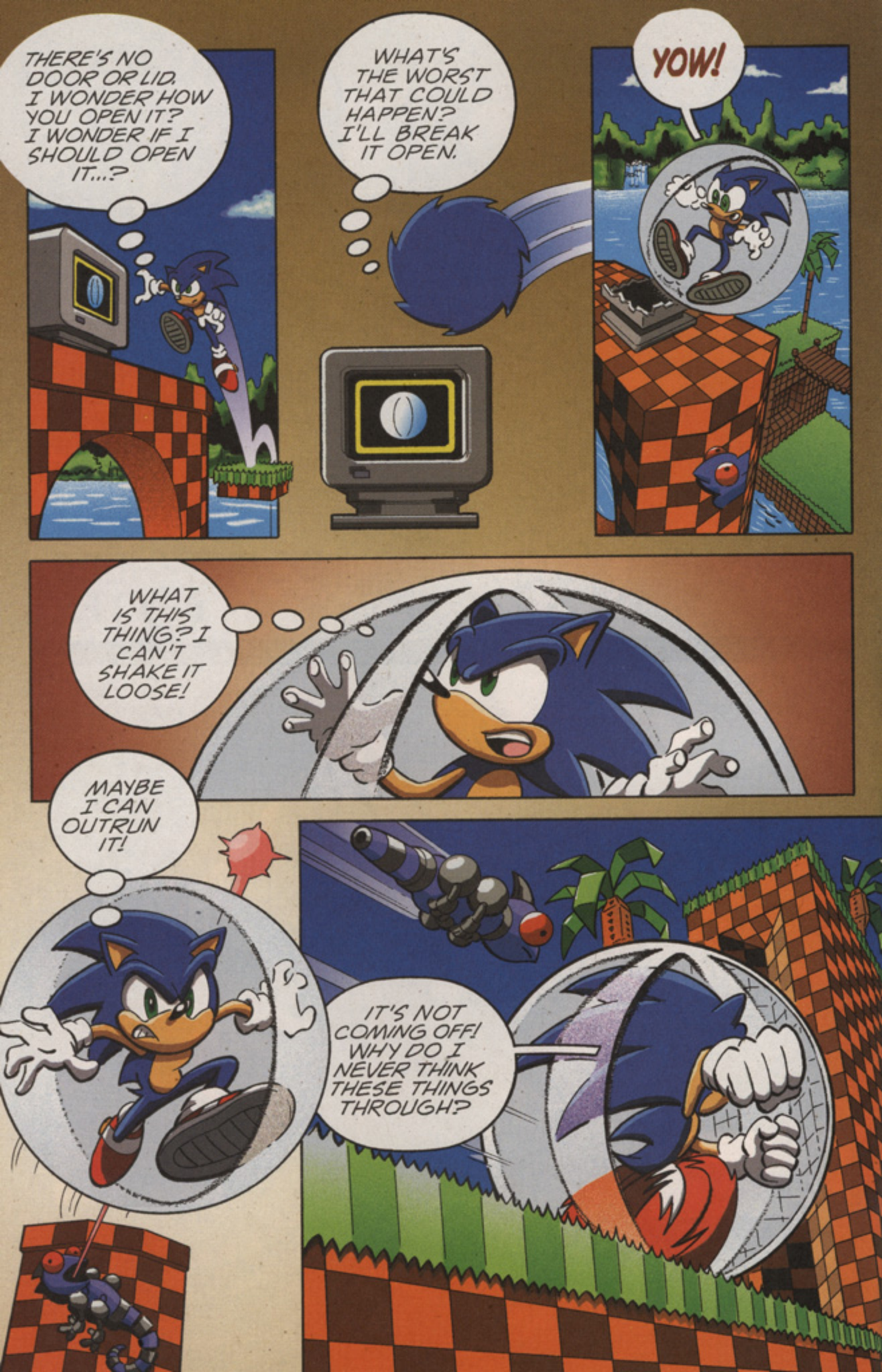
LIKE THEY HAVE A RETRO FEEL.

THIS PLACE IS SIMILAR TO THE GREEN HILLS OF HOME...

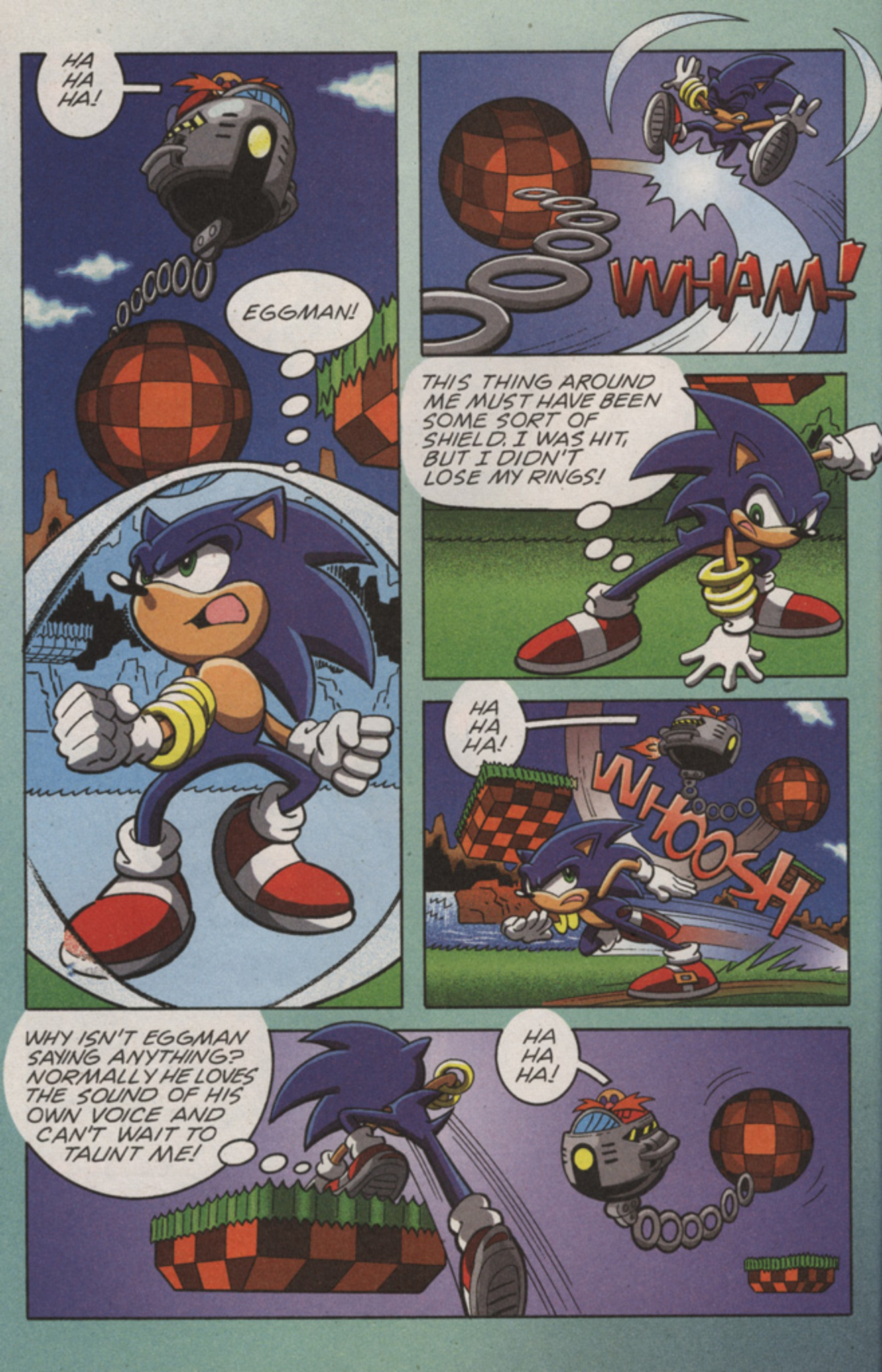
DID I GET SENT THROUGH ANOTHER DIMENSIONAL RIFT?

SCREECH

WHAT'S THAT?


THERE'S NO DOOR OR LID. I WONDER HOW YOU OPEN IT? I WONDER IF I SHOULD OPEN IT...?
WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN? I'LL BREAK IT OPEN.
YOW!
WHAT IS THIS THING? I CAN'T SHAKE IT LOOSE!
MAYBE I CAN OUTRUN IT!
IT'S NOT COMING OFF! WHY DO I NEVER THINK THESE THINGS THROUGH?

!
SPROING
PHEW!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE RINGS DO...BUT I'M GONNA GRAB ALL I CAN!
I'VE GOT TO FIND THE WAY OUT OF HERE!
WHAT THE--?
A FORCE-FIELD! I'M TRAPPED!


HA HA HA!
EGGMAN!
WHAM!
THIS THING AROUND ME MUST HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF SHIELD. I WAS HIT, BUT I DIDN'T LOSE MY RINGS!
HA HA HA!
WHOOSH
WHY ISN'T EGGMAN SAYING ANYTHING? NORMALLY HE LOVES THE SOUND OF HIS OWN VOICE AND CAN'T WAIT TO TAUNT ME!
HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!
THIS EGGMAN SUBSTITUTE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE DAIRY COUNCIL.
?! THIS GUY CAN'T BE THE REAL EGGMAN. HE'S LESS TALKATIVE, HE ISN'T BEING FOLLOWED BY DECOE OR BOCOE, AND HE SMELLS A LOT BETTER!
POW
HA HA HA!
OOOF!
HA HA HA!
I'M NOT HURT, BUT I LOST ALL MY RINGS!
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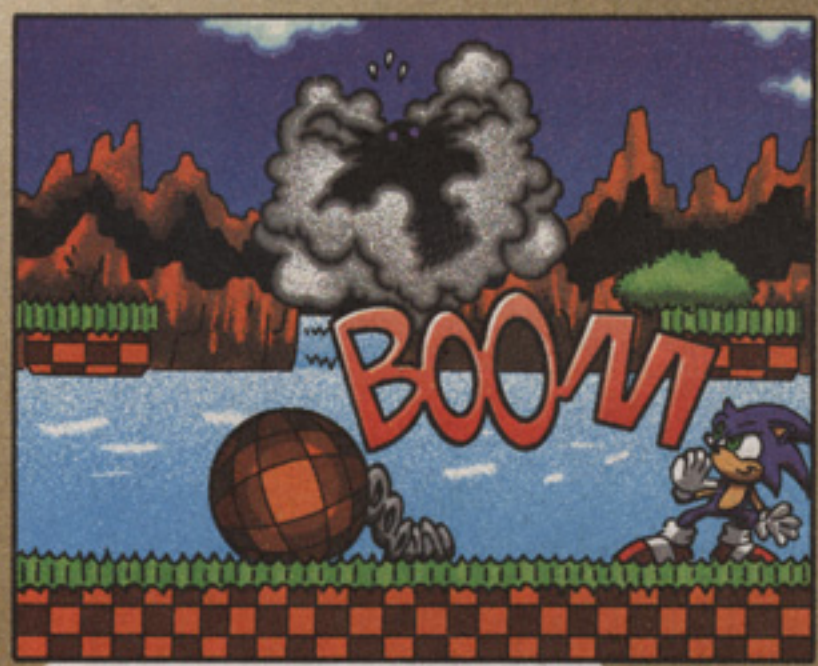
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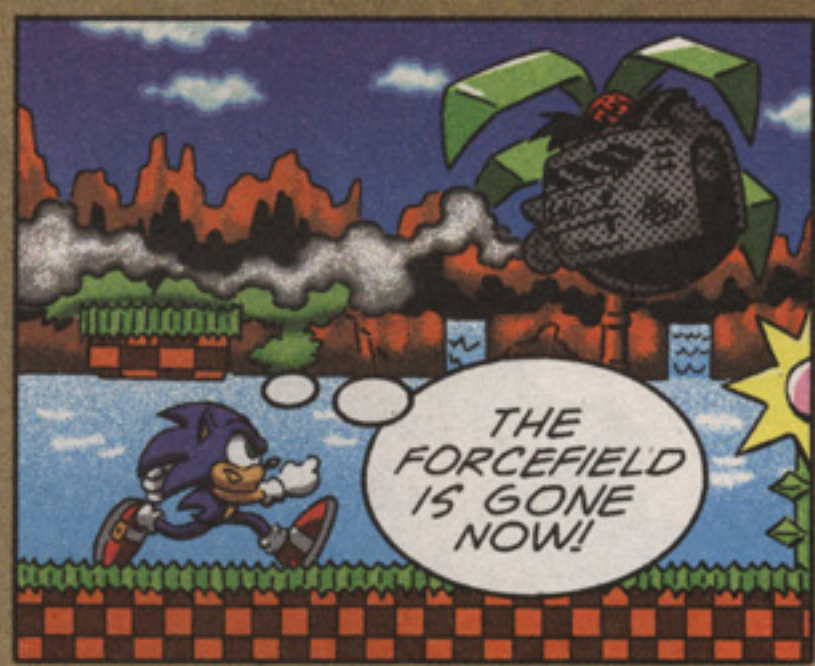
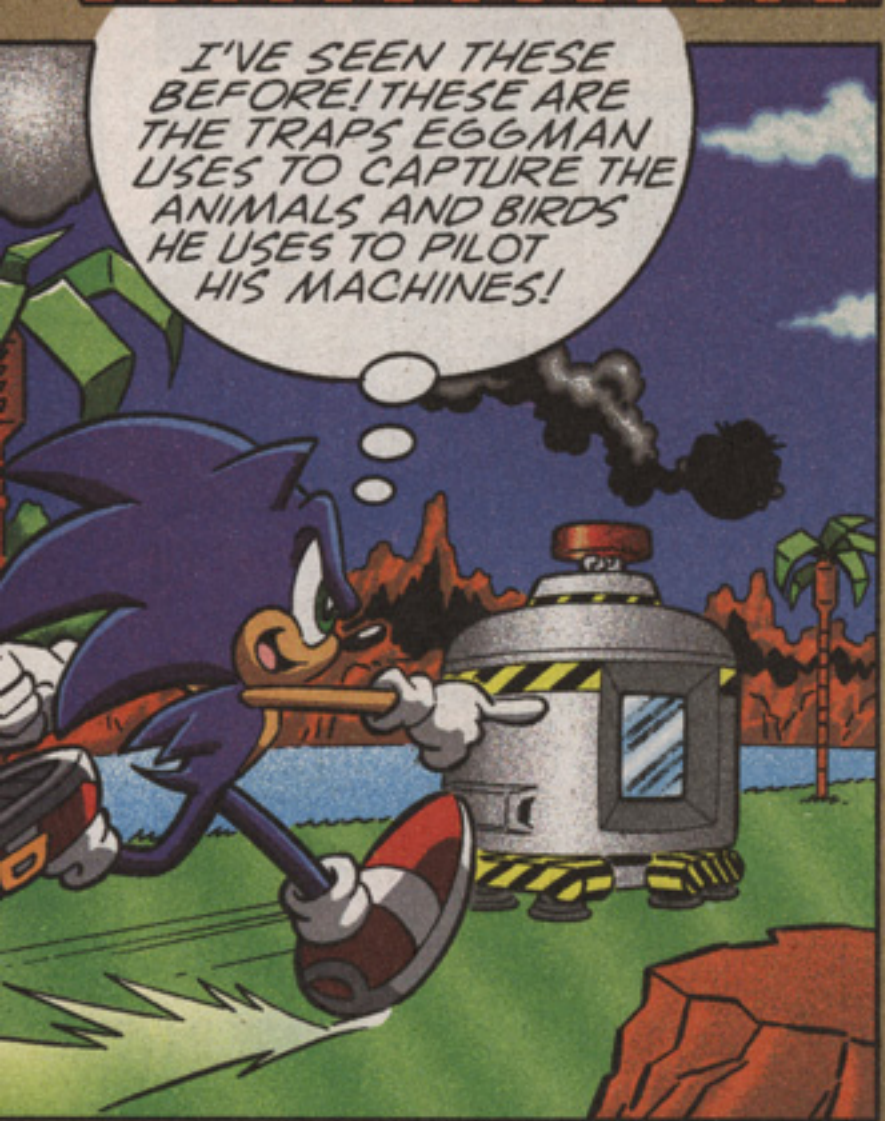

THE FORCEFIELD IS GONE NOW!


I'VE SEEN THESE BEFORE! THESE ARE THE TRAPS EGGMAN USES TO CAPTURE THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS HE USES TO PILOT HIS MACHINES!

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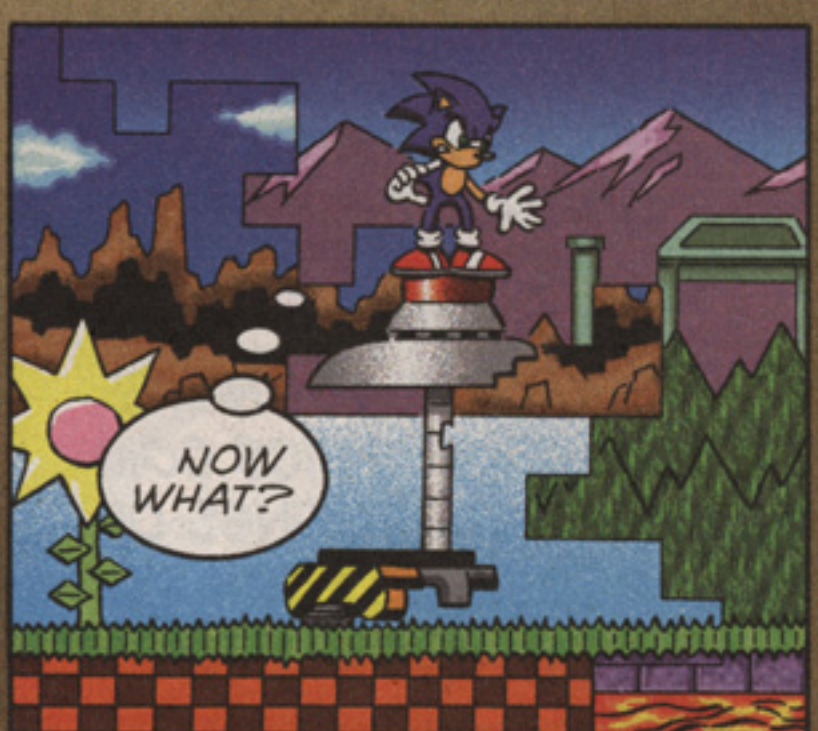
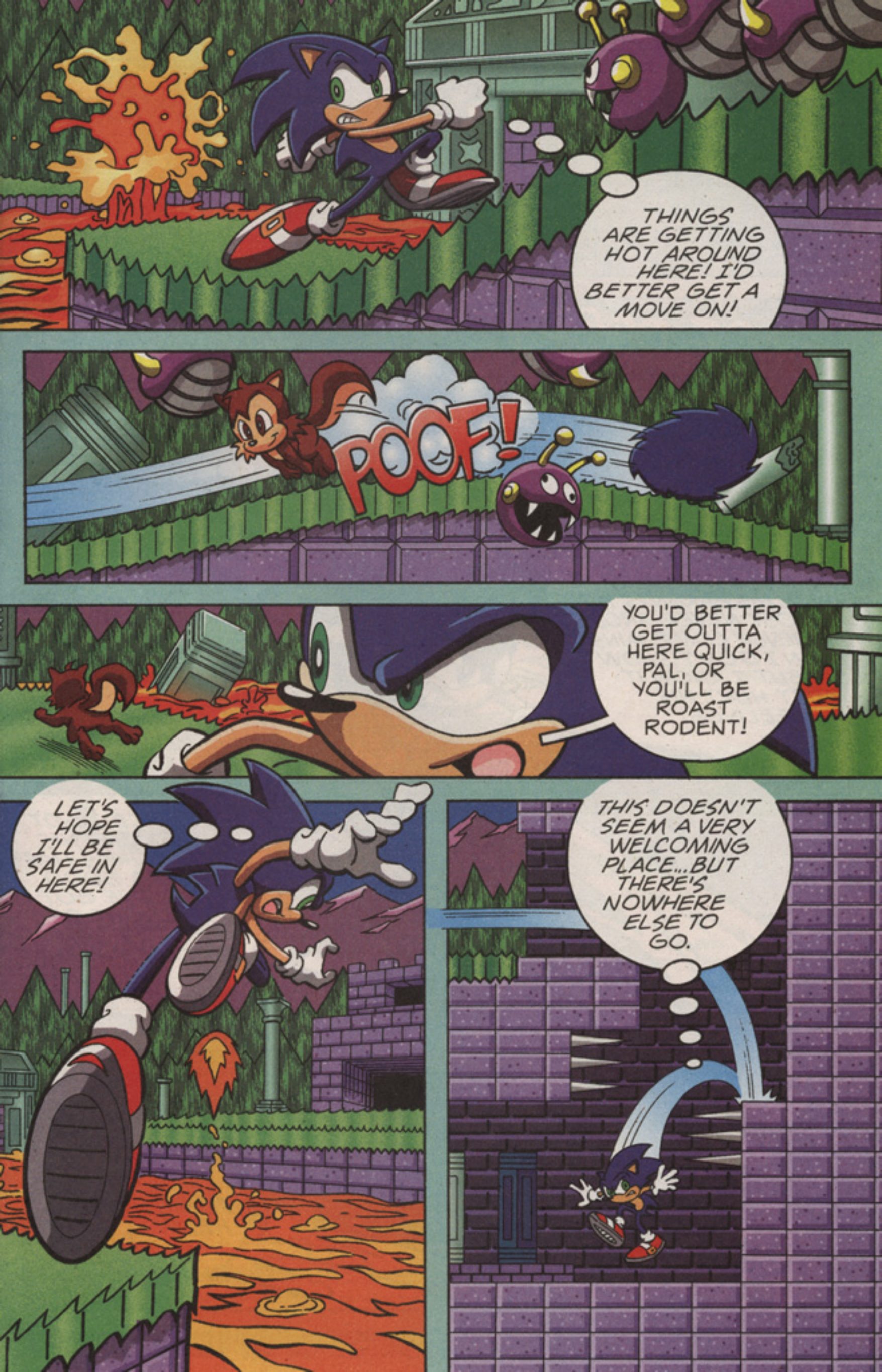
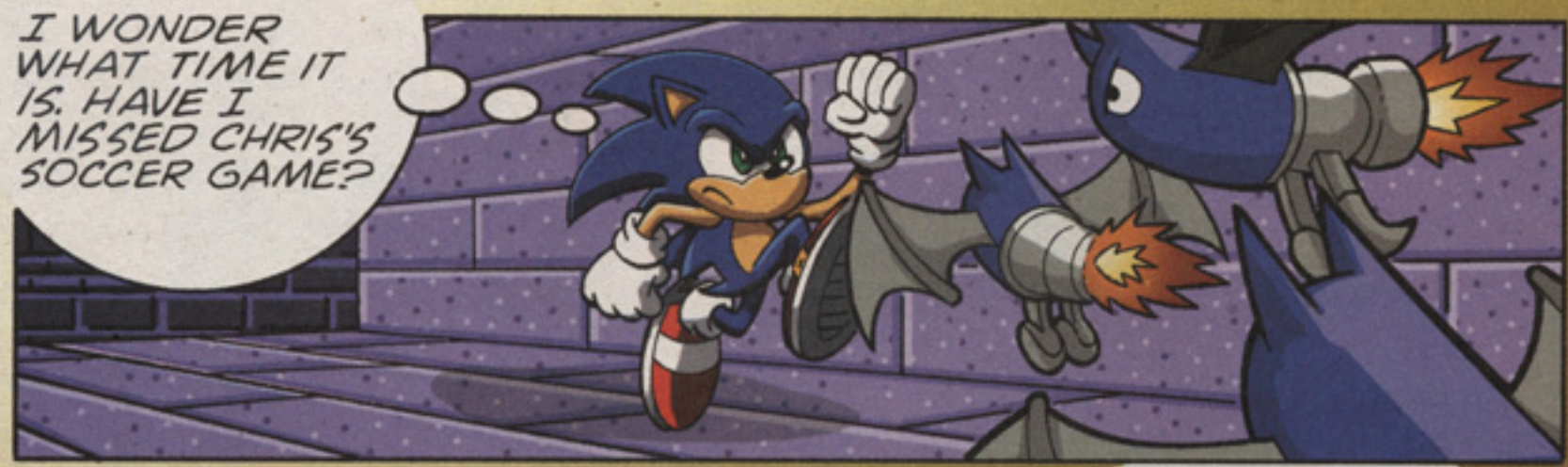

NOW WHAT?

WHAT SILLY GAME IS EGGMAN PLAYING WITH ME THIS TIME?

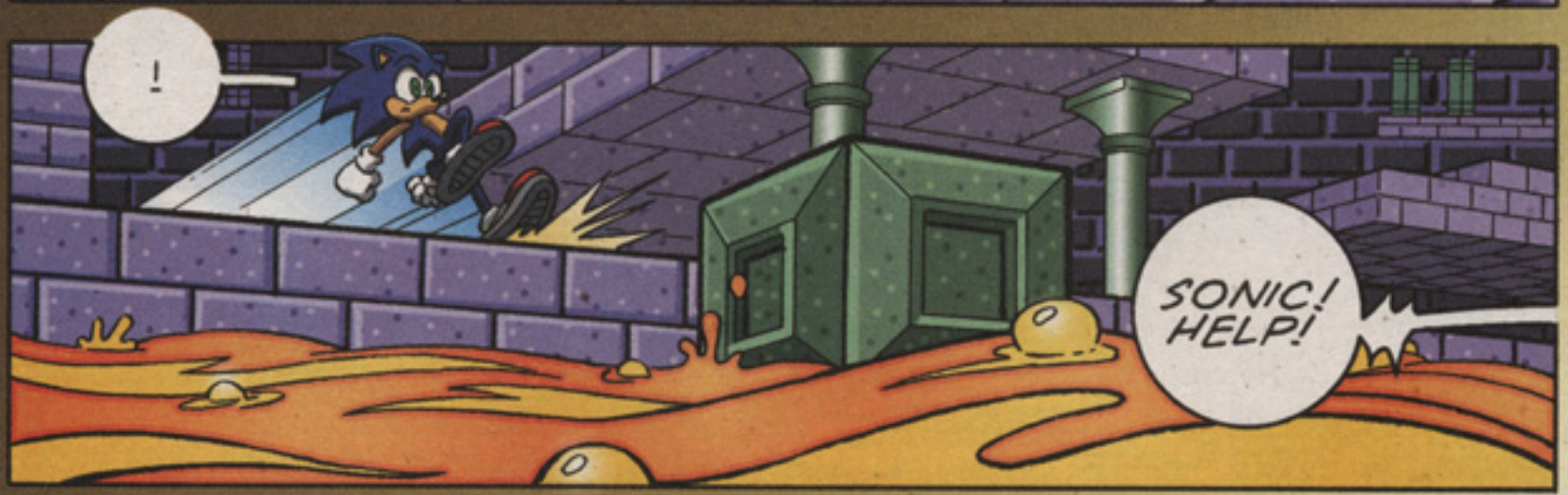

THINGS ARE GETTING HOT AROUND HERE! I'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON!
POOF!
YOU'D BETTER GET OUTTA HERE QUICK, PAL, OR YOU'LL BE ROAST RODENT!
LET'S HOPE I'LL BE SAFE IN HERE!
THIS DOESN'T SEEM A VERY WELCOMING PLACE...BUT THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.


I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS. HAVE I MISSED CHRIS'S SOCCER GAME?

POOF POOF POOF
EVERY TIME I PROMISE HIM I'LL SHOW UP FOR SOMETHING, EGGMAN COMES ALONG WITH SOME NEW SCHEME!

I HATE TO DISAPPOINT THE KID, ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS PARENTS ARE ALMOST NEVER AROUND. HE NEVER COMPLAINS WHEN I DON'T SHOW UP, BUT I KNOW IT MUST HURT HIS FEELINGS.

EVER SINCE I GOT TRAPPED ON THIS WORLD, CHRIS HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND. I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE SO I CAN WATCH HIM PLAY!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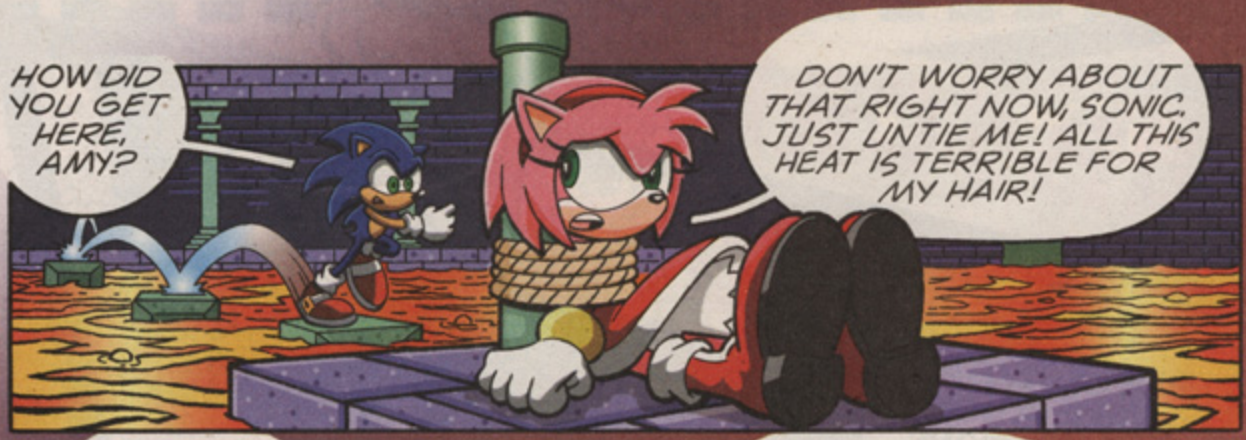
SONIC! HELP!


HOW DID YOU GET HERE, AMY?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW, SONIC. JUST UNTIE ME! ALL THIS HEAT IS TERRIBLE FOR MY HAIR!

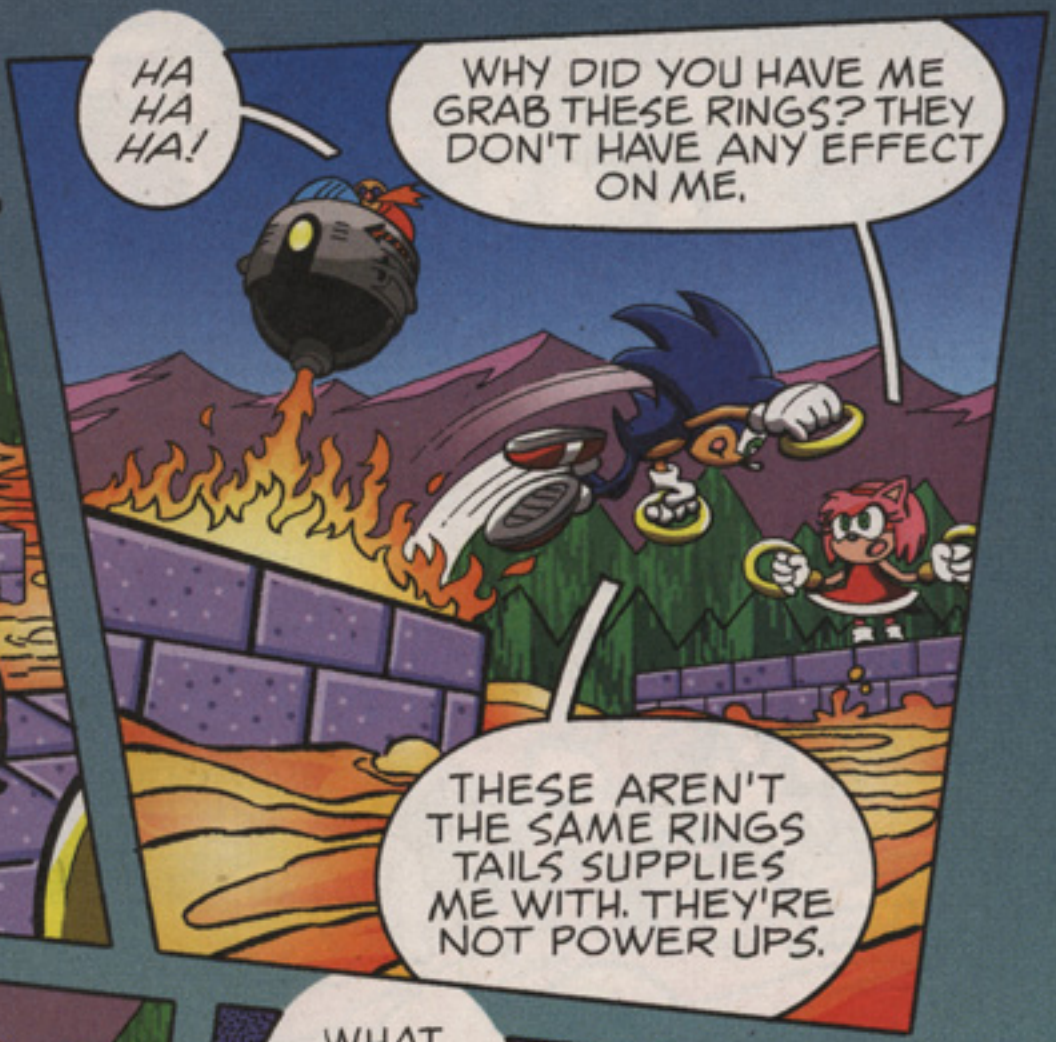
DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE?
NO. I WAS AT CHRIS'S HOUSE... AND I REMEMBER SMELLING SOMETHING STRANGE THAT MADE ME SLEEPY. WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS TIED TO THIS STAKE.

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
I WONDER IF ANY OF OUR OTHER FRIENDS ARE TRAPPED HERE, TOO.

I CAN'T FIND MY HAMMER! I CAN'T FEEL IT ANYMORE!
WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER! WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON!
THUD

WE CAN'T GO BACK! THERE'S SOMETHING BLOCKING THE WAY.
YOU'D BETTER GRAB SOME OF THESE RINGS, AMY! TROUBLE'S ON THE WAY!
HA HA HA!

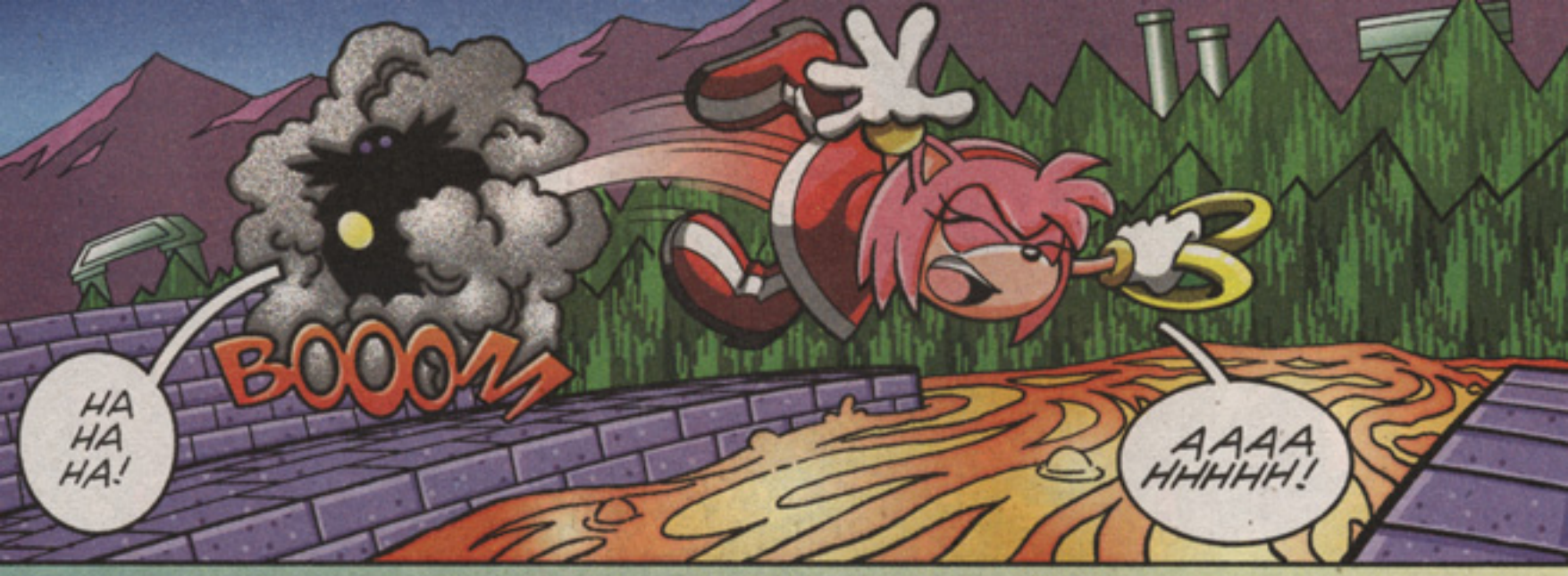
HA HA HA!


HA HA HA!
WHY DID YOU HAVE ME GRAB THESE RINGS? THEY DON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ME.
THESE AREN'T THE SAME RINGS TAILS SUPPLIES ME WITH. THEY'RE NOT POWER UPS.

THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?
HA HA HA!
WHEN I GET HIT BY AN ATTACK, I DON'T GET HURT IF I HAVE SOME OF THESE RINGS IN MY HAND.

WHAT ABOUT LAUGHING BOY HERE?
IT'S NOT THE REAL EGGMAN. I DON'T THINK IT'S EVEN A LIVING THING.

GOOD--THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK!
HIIII-- YAAA!
SMASH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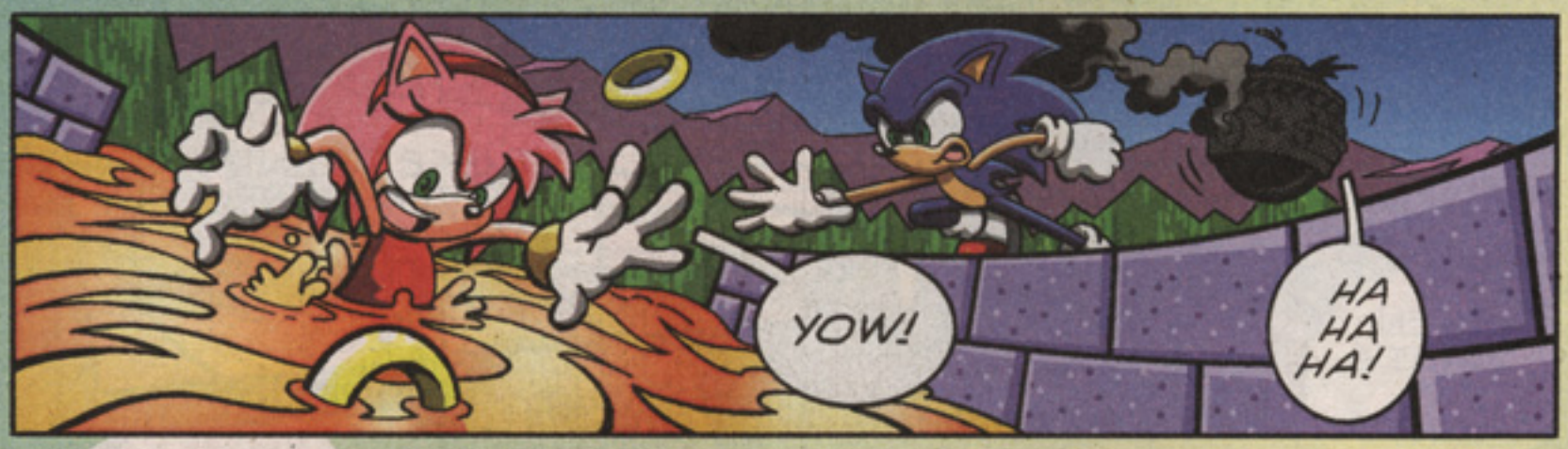
AAAA HHHHH!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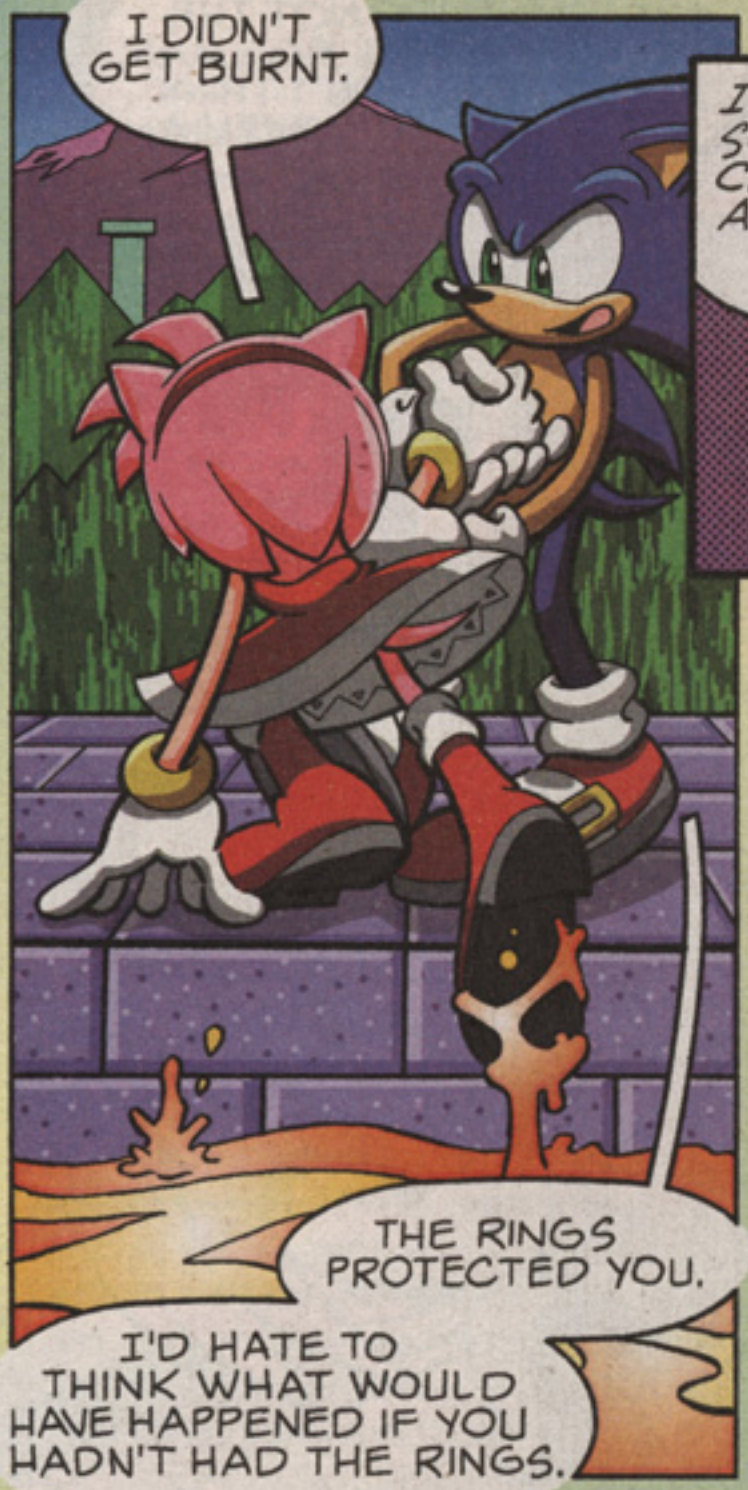
HA HA HA!


I DIDN'T GET BURNT.
THE RINGS PROTECTED YOU.
I'D HATE TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T HAD THE RINGS.

I KNEW SONIC CARED ABOUT ME!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DON'T WORRY! I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE. I THINK WE'RE BEING TRANSPORTED SOMEWHERE ELSE!

MEANWHILE, AT THORNDYKE MANSION...

GRANDPA, WE HAVE TO FIND SONIC AND THE OTHERS! WHAT IF SOMETHING BAD HAS HAPPENED TO THEM?

WELL, MAYBE KNUCKLES CAN TELL US WHERE THEY WENT.

WE'LL BORROW TAILS'S X-TORNADO. I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND.

CHUCK PILOTS THE X-TORNADO TOWARD ANGEL ISLAND, THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA'S TRIBE.

THE ISLAND WAS TRANSPORTED TO EARTH ALONG WITH THE MASTER EMERALD BY THE SAME DIMENSIONAL INSTABILITY CAUSED BY SONIC'S USE OF CHAOS CONTROL. THE MASTER EMERALD IS A SOURCE OF GREAT POWER, AND IT IS KNUCKLES' JOB TO PROTECT IT FROM THOSE WHO WOULD ABUSE ITS POWER.

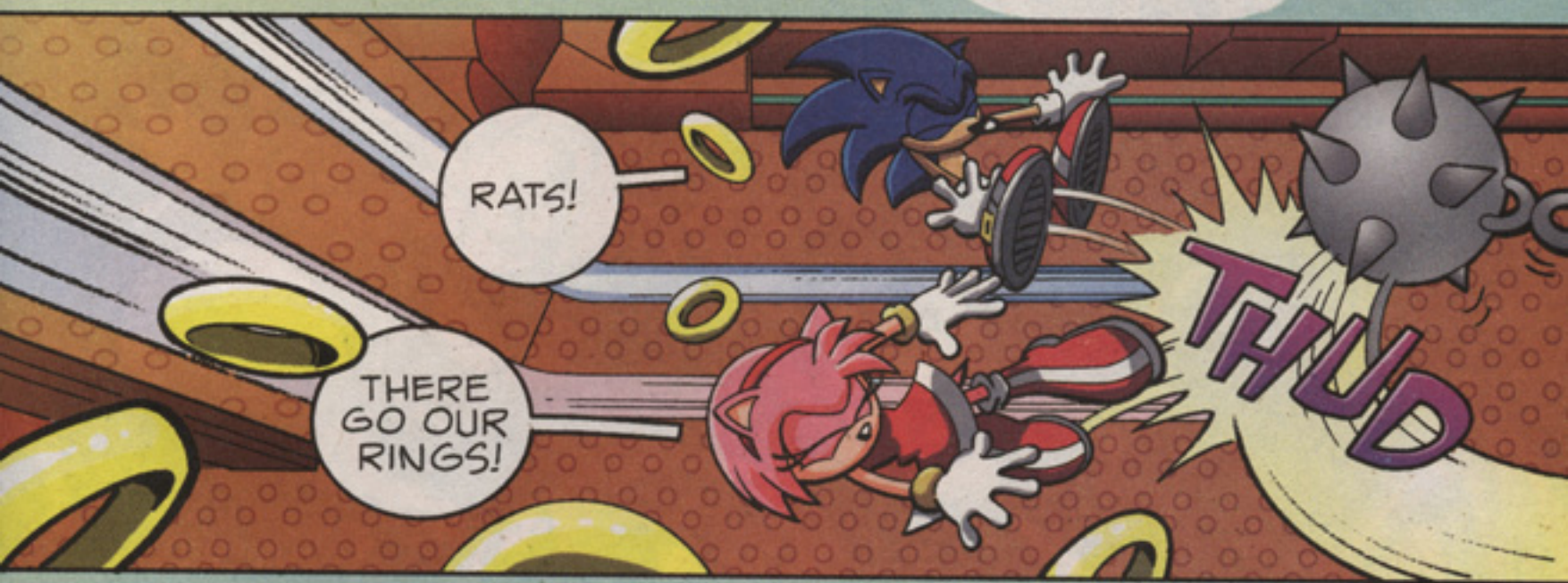
KNUCKLES! KNUCKLES, WHERE ARE YOU?

THE MASTER EMERALD AND KNUCKLES ARE GONE! MAYBE THEY ALL WENT HOME!

I DON'T KNOW, CHRIS... IF IT WAS THE DIMENSIONAL RIFT THAT TOOK THEM, WHY IS ANGEL ISLAND STILL HERE? I THINK SOMETHING ELSE --SOMETHING SINISTER-- IS GOING ON!

RUN! OUR RINGS ARE GONE AND WE'RE SURROUNDED BY CRABBY ROBOTS!

THIS WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IF I COULD GET MY HAMMER.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT AND KEEP MOVING!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THERE GO OUR RINGS!
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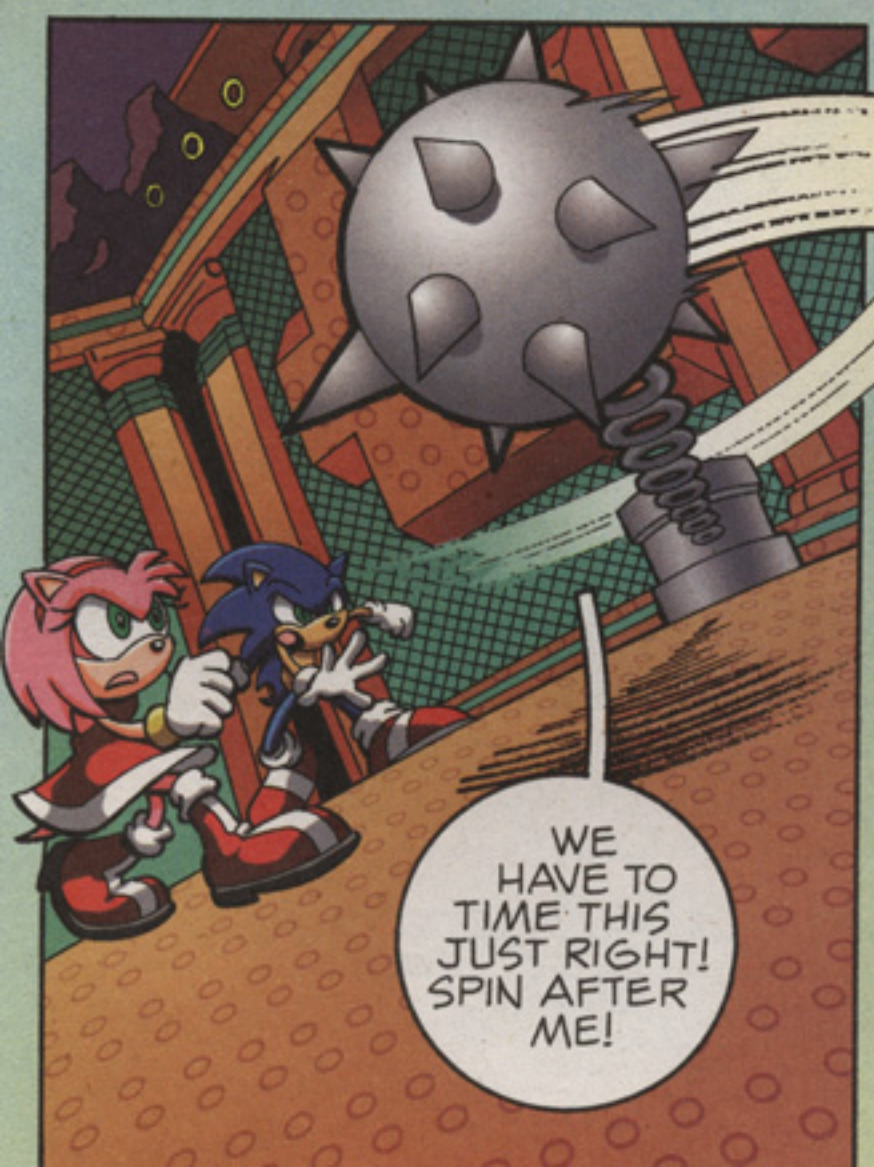
WE HAVE TO TIME THIS JUST RIGHT! SPIN AFTER ME!

LOOK OUT!

HOW'S THAT FOR A CLIFFHANGER?! FIND OUT IF SONIC, AMY AND KNUCKLES MAKE IT OUT OF EGGMAN'S TRAP! COME BACK FOR SONIC X # 11 ON SALE AUGUST!

THEN LOOK FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #164 FOR MORE FUN AND ADVENTURE!

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